

**Remarks**

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-3 and 5-9 remain pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims, in view of the discussion below, are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to respond to the objections raised by the examiner in paragraph 3 of the Office Action.

Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the proposal of the examiner on page 8 of the Office Action. The examiner indicated that the proposed claim would overcome the rejection and be allowable. All the other claims are dependent on claim 1.

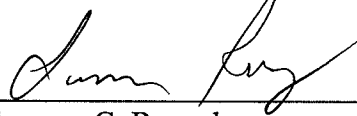
In view of the present amendments to the claims and the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3 and 5-9 are allowable, and Applicants request that the examiner pass these claims to issuance at an early date.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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